

JACKSON DAY IS OBSERVED

Many Banquets Given in Various Cities.

JUDGE HARMON IS HEARD

CLEVELAND, HILL AND TILLMAN
WRITE LETTERS REGARDING
PARTY POLICY.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, Jan. 8.—The feature of the Jackson day banquet of the Duckworth Club here tonight was the address of Judson Harmon, attorney general under Cleveland's administration and prominently mentioned as candidate for the Democratic nomination for president.

Mr. Harmon did not forecast any future policy or new departure for his party, but outlined conditions under Republican administration of Harmon that confronted the last Democratic administration, and brought out many interesting circumstances that preceded the hard times ten years ago. He spoke in part as follows:

"Of late years the Republican politicians have set up the claim that it is their management of public affairs which makes good times, and so they must be kept in control if good times are to continue. This new humbug worked nicely for a while. But a year ago, in spite of the success of the Republicans in the congressional election, some of the clouds and rainbows which had been capitalized and put off on the people began to vanish. Banks failed here and there, trade combinations toppled, fear and distrust began to stalk about. And not a Democrat in power anywhere to lay it on.

"A country which is governed through parties is in a bad way when it has only one party which can be trusted. I believe the people are now turning once more to the Democrats for relief from extravagance, the unfairness, and the unpopularity of the present administration, and the brag and pretense still employed to mislead them should be punctured once for all by the plain facts.

"It is false, that there is danger of harmful disturbance in the process of reform in the tariff and other things to which the Democratic party is pledged. Many of the wrongs to be righted are so manifest that even the Republicans confess and promise to correct them at some time which never comes. The history of the Democratic party shows that in making needed changes it can be depended upon to proceed in a spirit of moderation and fairness to all citizens who have embarked their labor or capital in useful enterprises. No matter how unjust the law under which such enterprises have been undertaken, they are to be fairly and considerately treated.

"If the time is at hand, as I think it is, when the people require a change of administration, they are no longer to be prevented by false assertions and imaginary fears, from committing it again to our party. There are enough existing evils and grounds of concern, which are seen and felt by all fair minded men.

"Rascality has been discovered in the public service, whose nature and extent would lead any prudent man, if it were found in a department of his own business, to have the other departments overhauled.

"No man can tell, when he goes to bed at night, what the government may be up to in the morning. And from day to day the course becomes more flagrant of the leaders who claim to have put their trademark on all the public virtues and who have inhaled entirely too long the insidious vapors of a sure thing."

Hill Says Change Is Needed.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The principle leaders of the two wings of the Democratic party in Philadelphia were brought together tonight by the Old Hickory Club dinner in celebration of Jackson day.

Letters of regret from ex-President Cleveland, Senator Tillman, David B. Hill and W. Bourke Cockran were read. Mr. Cleveland's letter was dated Dec. 26th and stated that other engagements prevented his attendance.

Hill in his letter said "the best interests of the country require a change of administration. People want equity rather than hysteria in management of public affairs; stability rather than

MORE VICTIMS OF IROQUOIS

Two Names Added to Long Death List.

INVESTIGATION PROCEED

EVIDENCE SHOWS SKYLIGHTS
WERE NAILED DOWN—UN-
DER ORDERS.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—No evidence of importance which had not previously been made to the public was obtained at the coroner's inquest over the victims of the Iroquois theatre fire today.

The most important witness today was Engineer Murray of the theatre, whose testimony showed the theatre to be practically destitute of fire protection, and that no precaution had been taken and no instructions had ever been given to any attaches. There were standpipes, he said, in the theatre, but only one coil of hose, and this not over fifty feet long.

Other witnesses told chiefly of their own experiences and nothing of material importance was elicited from any of them.

W. J. Maher, an employee of a local contractor, who placed the skylights in the theatre building, among other statements, said:

"I fastened down the skylights above the Iroquois stage. I fixed them with wires and nails, and braced them with scantlings. All that was needed to make the job complete was the placing of the balance weights, which I understood were to be put in by the Fuller people.

"It appears, however, that the order to have the frames nailed down, came to Mr. Krafting from the Fuller people. I examined the lights after the fire. Much of the evidence showing that they had not been completed had been destroyed, but some of the fastenings were left."

He declared that had the skylights been in working order there would have been no holocaust, for the flames would have poured out of the roof of the stage.

"It was to have been operated from the stage," said Maher. "A lever near the floor was to lift it so that it could be thrown open on a moment's notice. The lever was flimsy."

Two more names were added today to the list of victims of the fire when Nellie Dawson and Estella Mulder died in hospital. Miss Dawson resided in Barrington, Ill. She was severely burned in coming down a fire escape when she passed a window from which flames were shooting out.

Miss Mulder, whose home was in Evansville, Ind., was in the theatre with her two sisters, both of whom perished.

The deaths today make a total of 568 fatalities due to the fire.

Recklessness; honorable diplomacy rather than international intrigue; straightforwardness rather than fakery, and honesty rather than corruption. With wise counsel, live issues, conservative candidates and unity in action Democracy can win the contest of 1904."

Cleveland in his letter expressed "all sympathy with objects and purpose of the club.

Senator Tillman wrote: "The Democratic party will live as long as it desires to and will command support of the people when it shall demonstrate its adherence to the grand principles of the fathers; when we stand for the people and their rights in a manner so unmistakable that they cannot be misled the people will support the party, in preference to any other." He urged both wings of the party to forget the past differences, get together and select a candidate "who can command the loyal support of all parties."

Clark Says "Get Together."

Cleveland, O., Jan. 8.—At the Jackson Day banquet here tonight John H. Clark, Democratic nominee for United States senator in the last Ohio campaign, spoke to the toast "Democracy." Mr. Clark said the Democrats of Ohio should follow the example of the Democrats of other states—sink personal ambition and become united regarding the presidential candidate for the Democratic party. He strongly urged the nomination of Richard Olney, Massachusetts, as a man whom all Democrats should support and one who has a better show than any other nominee.

WHITE DOVE OF PEACE SOUGHT BY TWO NATIONS.

Russia's New Note Makes Broad Concessions. Other Nations Protecting Their Consulates. Japan Seems Anxious to Avoid Hostilities.

By the Associated Press.

Tokio, Jan. 8.—The Japanese government has practically determined to continue negotiations. It is dissatisfied with Russia's terms but does not think of breaking off negotiations, and will make another effort to secure their modification before resorting to force.

It is anticipated the discussion will consume a few weeks during which interim a breach of peace is very improbable.

Negotiations are Progressing.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—Mr. Kurino, the Japanese minister here, tonight authorized the Associated Press to say that the Japanese government is still doing everything in its power in the interest of peace and all stories about sending troops to Korea were without foundation.

Minister Kurino, said he thought negotiations had made some progress.

Concessions are Far Reaching.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The Tagblatt's Paris correspondent learns that the French government has been informed that Russia's answer to Japan makes far-reaching concessions respecting Korea, and that the concessions are equivalent to permitting the occupation of Korea by Japan on lines somewhat similar to position of Great Britain in Egypt, but that Russia firm-

ly rejects any right of Japan to mingle in affairs of Manchuria.

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War Rumors Doubled.

London, Jan. 8.—The Kobe correspondent of the Express sends a scare rumor to the effect that a collision between Russian and Japanese fleets had taken place near the island of Tanishima, Strait of Korea. This rumor is not mentioned in any other source, and in view of the fact that the Japanese government is exercising censorship over news concerning naval matters, it may safely be disregarded.

Corea Thinks Japan Bluffing.

London, Jan. 8.—According to the Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent, officers of the Japanese steamer Chiri Maru, which left Port Arthur Jan. 4, report there were then eighty war

ships and three first-class torpedo boats inside and five battleships outside the harbor.

Dispatches from Seoul to Japanese newspapers represent the emperor of Korea as greatly reassured by memorial from Korean officials declaring there is no danger of war, the arrival of the United States marines being due to a secret understanding between the United States and Japan, and that Japanese war preparations are merely a bluff intended to frighten Russia.

London Hears Conditions.

London, Jan. 8.—The Times correspondent learns from St. Petersburg that Russia's reply practically amounts to an acceptance of the first agreement entered between the Russian minister to Japan and Japanese foreign minister. The stipulations of this agreement were recognized by Russia of Japan's preponderance in Korea, and neutralization of the Korean coast with the refusal to place the Japanese on the same footing as Europeans in Manchuria.

China to Help Japan.

London, Jan. 8.—Bennett Barleigh, the correspondent of the Telegraph, in the far east, says there is a total force of 10,000 men and 96 guns included in the Imperial guards and first division, and adds: "The infantry recently impressed me with its solid, vigorous, trenchant appearance. The artillery is excellent, but the cavalry horses are poor, being merely ponies. The



PUTTING A BILL THROUGH CONGRESS.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 8.—It appears that Russia's reported concessions to Japan relates to the recognition of the preponderance of the interests of Japan in Korea. This has been the crux of the question between the two powers up to present moment. Just how far the concession goes it is impossible to learn, but the effect in Tokyo, according to information obtained, has been more satisfactory than press dispatches show, and it is believed negotiations will continue.

In connection with Russia's concession a curious, and at same time, authoritative, story is told regarding the cause of development of the present situation. It appears a misunderstanding occurred between Vice Alexander and the Russian government, and that the note antedating the one just submitted did not contain a recog-

troopers carry carbines on their backs in workmanlike fashion? Barleigh, in referring to General Sin, says: "You may discredit the reports that Japan intends to present ultimatum. The Chinese government declares it will certainly help Japan."

The Mail's Chee-Poo correspondent asserts that in event of victorious war, Japan would conclude a treaty with China opening Manchuria to all foreign trade.

CHARGED WITH BRIBERY.

Green Bay, Wis., Jan. 8.—Alderman Albert Gray, president of the city council, George S. Schwart and Edward B. Morgan were arrested today on a charge of bribery. All were released on bail.

WATCH FACTORY DESTROYED.

Elgin, Ill., Jan. 8.—Fire destroyed the Star watch factory here today. Loss will be \$60,000, with ample insurance.

MOBILIZATION OF TROOPS

Colombia Steadily Concentrating Her Forces.

WAR TALK IS UNABATED

DISSATISFACTION EXPRESSED REGARDING POLICY OF GENERAL REYES.

By Associated Press.

Colum, Jan. 8.—Half of the marines who arrived on the Dixie left yesterday for Empire, where they will be accommodated. On the 11th Col. Riddle takes command of the camp at Empire. Gen. Elliott will establish his headquarters at Haiti Obispo. Remaining force of marines from the United States cruiser Dixie landed here today and went by train to Bas Ciego.

Colombian Troops Active.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—It is learned from a reliable source that the Colombian troops at Cartagena now number at least 2,000.

The Colombian cruiser Gen. Phön and the steam tug Nellie continue to convey troops to Titumani as they come in from the interior. The last detachment, which consisted of 200 men, from the department of Antioquia, were brought to Cartagena by train from Calamar.

The war talk is unabated in Cartagena, and in certain quarters discontent is openly expressed with the diplomatic policy of Gen. Rafael Reyes, but up to the present time, has resulted in inaction.

Training Squadron Goes to Panama.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 8.—The Atlantic training squadron sailed this afternoon for Guantanamo, from which point they will proceed to Panama to relieve the vessels now stationed there.

The German cruiser Stein, Capt. Danbrowski, with five hundred apprentices on board, arrived in port today for a brief stay. She came in just before the departure of the squadron and as soon as she came to anchor and had saluted the American vessels, Admiral Wise of the training squadron made official call upon the commander of the Stein which was returned before the departure of the squadron. The Stein will sail for Germany tomorrow.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ARRESTED.

Wellington, Kan., Jan. 8.—County Attorney E. E. Wilson was arrested today on the charge of embezzling \$3,115 from the Citizens Bank of Bell Plains. While acting as cashier of the bank in 1902 it is alleged Wilson took the amount named from the bank funds, making out notes to which, it is said, he signed some of the citizens names.

CUBAN PRIMARIES HELD.

Havana, Jan. 8.—The first primaries, preparatory to election of members of congress and provincial councillors was held today and passed quietly everywhere, except in Cienfuegos, where partisan feeling developed a disturbance during which several shots were fired and one or more persons were wounded.

INVITE PRESIDENT TO ORATE.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt has been chosen to deliver the principal oration of the semi-centennial jubilee of the University of Wisconsin next July. The university officials seem confident the president will accept the invitation.

CHICAGO DAY DATED.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—"Chicago day" at the St. Louis exposition has been fixed for October 8, next.

WANTS DUTY ABOLISHED.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Representative William of Mississippi today introduced a bill forbidding the collection of duty upon coal in any form or description imported in the United States.

TRADE OUTLOOK FAIRLY GOOD

Bradstreet and Dun Report a Fair General Demand.

CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS

EXPECTED BY LEADING MANUFACTURERS—TROUBLES NOT EXPECTED.

By the Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 8.—Bradstreet, in report on trade conditions says: New year open quietly, but with satisfactory features predominating. Wholesale business is sensibly quiet at leading western and central western markets. Collections show slight improvement and money is easing, supplies of that commodity being in better supply than heretofore. Preparations for increased business going forward actively and with good show of conservative confidence.

War talk has been a stimulus to many markets, notably for cereals and provisions, but securities and cotton have been depressed thereby. Iron and steel in crude forms have shown steadiness and though quiet at first are in better demand in finished forms in the west.

Lumber, while affected by climatic influences upon building, is in active export demand with quotations held firmly. The growing ease of money is regarded as favorable to widespread building in the coming spring, while industrial situation looks rather better employees showing the disposition to accept lower wages, and a number of iron and steel mills and factories are resting on a readjusted basis of cost.

Wheat, including flour, exports for week 3,352,000 bushels against 5,099,000 this week of last year. Corn exports for week 1,250,000 bushels against 2,857,000 one year ago. From July 1, 1903 to date 29,890,000 bushels against 13,519,000 last season.

Total bank clearings compiled by Bradstreet for past week, \$2,203,059,259, a decrease of 26.5 per cent compared with corresponding week of last year.

Retail trade has been somewhat slow to recover from holiday business, partly because of bad weather, which also retarded collections to some extent. Traffic was impeded and shipments of merchandise delayed. On the other hand low temperature stimulated demand for seasonable goods, and some stock in hands of dealers were reduced. Jobbers and manufacturers in many lines received supplementary orders, and wool market became firmer in tone, although actual sales did not increase materially. Mills and factories report irregular conditions, some industrials opening new year under favorable auspices, while other branches are extremely quiet.

At least returns of railway earnings for December show 5.1 per cent above previous year.

In leading manufacturing industries the year opens with quiet conditions as to demand, but much irregularity in matter of wages. During last quarter net earnings of the leading producers were less than half of corresponding months of 1902.

Aside from purchases by traction companies, there is no demand for steel rails and it is announced that lower prices will be necessary to stimulate interest. New lines of heavy weight woollens are opening slowly, thus far being confined to low grades. Eastern shoe shops are shipping freely.

Failures this week in United States 409, against 456 during corresponding week of last year.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR ARMY.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Secretary Shaw today transmitted to the house the request of Secretary Root for an appropriation of \$385,000 for new arms and equipment for the militia.

PEACE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Cape Town, South Africa, Jan. 8.—It is officially announced today that peace has been declared in Danarland, German Southwest Africa, and that the post of Hotentots have surrendered.